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2017 check passing ceremony – pictured left to right: Anne Bogenrief (Captain), Jessica Ossege (Bears for Children's and Patron Information Co-Chair), Michelle Francisco (Back 9 concessions Chair), Beth Fitzgerald (Bears for Children's and Patron Information Co-Chair), Angie Fallon (Captain), Paula Ferguson (Volunteers Co-Chair), Leif Nelin, MD (Division Chief of Neonatology at Nationwide Children's Hospital), Dan Sullivan (Executive Director of the Memorial Tournament), Christina Copeland (2017 Volunteers Chair), Steve Allen, MD (CEO Nationwide Children's Hospital), Miranda Roberts (2018 Volunteers Chair), Patty Dixon (Sandwich Factory Co-Chair), Jennifer Bollinger (Hospitality Co-Chair), Courtney Grant (Concessions Co-Chair), Susan Long (MPWC/VIP Co-Chair), Marcy Williams (Captain)

THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE SETS GIVING RECORD TO NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WITH \$1,875,000 DONATION

Dublin, Ohio – Officials of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide announced today that the 42nd playing of the prestigious invitational, concluded June 4, 2017, raised \$2,250,000 for charitable organizations in central Ohio, including a record-setting \$1,875,000 for Nationwide Children's Hospital through an alliance with the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. Since its first playing in 1976, the Memorial has eclipsed \$29 million in donations to central Ohio charities, with more than \$18.5 million going to Nationwide Children's Hospital.

True to the hearts of Jack and Barbara Nicklaus, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide includes as one of its primary objectives a genuine philanthropic vision. Embodied in the Memorial's

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enduring partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital and support of the Memorial Tournament Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, pediatric care is at the center of each campaign and event these entities jointly execute.

"The Memorial is proud of its long-standing history of charitable giving in central Ohio and beyond," said Dan Sullivan, the Tournament's executive director. "Charitable giving has been a driving force for the Memorial from its beginning, and we are thrilled that the Tournament has been successful in growing its commitment to the local community and charity, especially its more than 42-year relationship with Nationwide Children's Hospital. Events like our annual Legends Luncheon and FORE! Miler contributed to making this a record year in charitable giving. Also paramount to the Memorial's successful charitable campaign is the shared philanthropic vision of presenting sponsor Nationwide, and we are grateful to continue that relationship through the 2021 Tournament."

"In addition," Sullivan continued, "the dedication and commitment exhibited by the Tournament's volunteer corps, in particular the members of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Committee and the over 2,000 Nationwide Children's volunteers, is an essential ingredient in making the Memorial one of the top tournaments on the PGA TOUR and a must-attend event in central Ohio."

"Each year the generous spirit of the central Ohio community showcases itself during the Memorial Tournament and 2017 was no exception," said Steve Allen, MD, chief executive officer, Nationwide Children's Hospital. "On behalf of the patients, families and staff at Nationwide Children's, we are thankful for the Memorial Tournament's generosity and the selflessness of Jack and Barbara Nicklaus. This kind of commitment will help Nationwide Children's continue its delivery of the highest quality of healthcare and research to children globally."

Nationwide, which has been the Tournament sponsor for eight years, shares a similar tradition of support for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Nationwide is committed to broadening the impact of its presenting sponsorship of the Memorial Tournament to bring greater awareness and increased funding to Nationwide Children's and to those who benefit the most – families and children in need of care. That commitment was on full display in December 2015, when Nationwide, the Memorial Tournament and the PGA TOUR announced a six-year relationship that began with the 2016 Tournament. The agreement extends the partnership among the three organizations through 2021.

"Nationwide is honored to be involved with this noble cause," said Nationwide Chief Marketing Officer Terrance Williams. "Each year, working with The Memorial Tournament, Nationwide builds upon and expands this national platform to highlight the amazing work happening at Nationwide Children's Hospital. We're committed to and excited about continuing our support for the patients, doctors, nurses and staff at this amazing facility for years to come."

The 2018 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide is scheduled for May 28–June 3 at world-renowned Muirfield Village Golf Club. The public may call the Tournament Ticket Office 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 877-MT BADGE or visit <http://www.mtbadge.com> to purchase badges. Kids 18 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult. Daily practice round tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are also available. The introductory cost is \$35 through January 31, and they are valid for all three practice-round days.

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Please note: the official name of the event is ***the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide***.

About the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide is held annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. The Tournament, founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus, is conducted each year with three goals in mind: to honor the memory of individuals living and deceased who have distinguished themselves in the game of golf; to showcase the world's best golfers competing on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators; and to benefit many Greater Columbus Charities in alliance with the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital and numerous other local organizations. For more information, visit www.thememorialtournament.com or call 614-889-6700.

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About Nationwide Children's Hospital

Named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2017-18 list of "America's Best Children's Hospitals," Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of America's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare systems providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease. Nationwide Children's has a staff of nearly 13,000 providing state-of-the-art pediatric care during more than 1.4 million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the Top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

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